

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 121**

LCO No. 5705

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION
PROTOCOLS FOR MINORS SEEKING TO MAINTAIN ACCOUNTS
WITH PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) A public service
2 company shall verify the validity of a potential customer's Social
3 Security number prior to opening a customer account to ensure that
4 such Social Security number does not belong to a minor as defined by
5 section 1-1d of the general statutes. A public service company shall
6 cross reference the Social Security number provided with such
7 customer's legal name, aliases, date of birth, age, current address and
8 phone number. A public service company may use a third-party
9 company to carry out the purpose of this section.

10 (b) In any action by a public service company against a customer for
11 an unpaid bill, the customer shall not be liable if, at the time of the
12 opening of the customer account, such customer was a minor and the
13 customer account was opened by another using the minor's Social
14 Security number.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
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